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Chairman Steagall Sees

Passage Before End of

Special Session.

ARE MADE IN MEASURE

to Include Property of Value

Up to \$8,600.

By J. A. O'LEARY.

The administration's new housing

bill to encourage investment of private

ing Administration mortgage insurance

plan was reported favorably by the

House Banking Committee today with

Chairman Steagall announced steps

would be taken to get it before the

end of the special session next week.

The bill broadens the base for in-

surance mortgages on owner-occupied

home repairs in the hope of creating

employment and seeks to bring about

associations, with the aid of Recon-

struction Finance Corp. financing, to

Insurance Limit Extended.

measure would have allowed F. H. A.

of the value up to \$5,400, instead of

the 80 per cent insurance limit under

The House committee extended this

feature by providing that on mort-

gages up to \$8,600, F. H. A. could

insure 90 per cent of the first \$5,400.

Another important committee change

was to provide that, in addition to

reviving F. H. A. insurance for repairs,

that agency could insure the full

amount of loans up to \$2,500 for con-

struction of small, new houses, either

Meanwhile, a subcommittee of the

Senate Banking Committee continued

to debate changes it may make in the

on the amount for this purpose. There

is a \$10,000 limit on repair loans that

may be insured. Repair loans may

In addition to reducing the home

buyer's down payment by insuring 90

per cent of the value, the bill seeks

(See HOUSING, Page A-4.)

85 Years Old Today

This is The Star's 85th birth-

Eighty-five years ago this

afternoon, on Thursday, Decem-

ber 16, 1852, No. 1 of Vol. 1 of

The Daily Evening Star made its

appearance on the streets of

Washington, a city of about

The first edition contained four

pages, 161/2 by 11 inches. Part

of the type was set in an office

at Eighth and D streets N.W., part

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The Evening Star

day anniversary.

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Pennsylvania avenue.

be insured up to 10 per cent.

and 80 per cent of the balance.

rural or urban.

As introduced two weeks ago, the

FEW MAJOR CHANGES

WASHINGTON, D. C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1937—SIXTY-EIGHT PAGES. ***

FIGHTING FOR WHAT THEY WON A HUNDRED

AND SIXTY-FOUR YEARS)

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. PANAY MACHINE GUNNING HOUSE UNIT BACKS BY JAPANESE VESSELS NEW HOUSING BILL BRINGS ADDED PROTEST TO HELP BUSINESS

Are Officially Confirmed.

TOKIO TO GIVE **VICTIMS SALUTE**

Bluejackets to Pay Tribute at Spot of Bombing.

official reports had confirmed that ones. Japanese surface vessels machinegunned Panay after it had been bombed from the air by Japanese

In making this announcement at his press conference the Secretary of State said this information had been transmitted to the American Ambaseador at Tokio for presentation to the Japanese foreign office in the form of representations to supplement facts already set forth in this Government's formal note of protest on the bombing.

Details Not Complete. Mr. Hull gave no complete details of Department concerning the machine

He merely stated that partial official information already received from ports of the incident as dispatched quoting eyewitnesses at the scene.

Expects Further Reports. Mr. Hull added that he was expecting further official reports at any time which may give more detail.

He said that as additional facts come in they also would be presented to the Japanese government to support the information already set forth in American demands for full satisfac-

Planes Dived at Survivors, Although Hull withheld details of the information in the hands of the State Department, officials asserted it confirmed that while the Panay survivors were escaping from the sinking ship in small boats, Japanese airplanes dived and machine-gunned the boats at low altitudes.

Bullet holes were said to have been found in the Panay's outboard motor

Japanese Boarded Panay. The State Department official advises, it was added, confirm also that before the Panay sank two Japanese Army motor boats approached the ship and machine-gunned it. Some of the Japanese, it was said, boarded the Panay and remained on it about 5 minutes, although the American colors were flying and were easily discernable.

The Secretary of State, indicating that this information makes the Panay incident even more serious than it appeared at first, said he still was awaiting a reply from the Japanese government to the formal American protest dispatched Tuesday

JAPANESE PLAN SALUTE.

Bluejackets to Pay Tribute at Site of Panay Bombing.

TOKIO, Dec. 16 (A).-The Japanese navy ministry announced today that a company of bluejackets will be detailed to honor the victims of the Panay bombing at the spot on the Yantgtze River where they were killed.

The formal naval salute will be an unprecedented gesture which, authorities said, was the highest possible voluntary tribute of one nation to an-

Authoritative sources said the planned salute was not connected with the American protest against the attack.

The admiralty issued a statement reiterating Japanese regret over the incident, adding that the navy "has decided to detail a company of bluejackets to the spot to honor the dead."

It was announced also that sailors of the Japanese Third Fleet were collecting 5,000 yen (\$1,450) to be contributed to the United States Navy.

Hirota Seeks Settlement

Foreign Minister Koki Hirota meanwhile announced to the Japanese cabinet council that the foreign ministry settlement" of the Panay incident. The adjutant at the navy office an-

(See TOKIO, Page A-4.)

FIRE AT NAVY YARD CAUSES \$500 LOSS

Short-Circuiting of 2,200-Volt Current Starts Blaze-Work

Short-circuiting of a 2,200-volt electric current started a fire in an oiloperated compensator in the central power plant of the Navy Yard today, causing damage estimated at about

The compensator is operated as a priming device for direct-current generators at the yard, and the fire damage prevented use of a considerable amount of the machine equipment in

the east end of the plant. Operations were suspended about two hours. Efforts were being made to determine the cause of the short circuit before current was switched over to

an auxiliary generator. Although the intense flame of a Santee, Calif.

the damaged machine, the blaze was first reached the center of the city quickly brought under control. Capt. C. S. Rowan, captain of the walls and using scaling ladders. A Admiral Nicholson observes 85th birth- Betsy Caswell. yard, who was investigating the inci-

Previous Reports Chinese Slain Without Mercy In "4 Days of Hell" at Nanking

(Herewith is the first dispatch on the shambles of Nanking to reach the outside world since the Japanese occupation.)

By A. T. STEELE.

TANKING, via the U. S. S. Oahu, Dec. 15.—"Four days of hell" would be the most fitting way to describe the siege, capture and rape of Insurance on Mortgages Extended I have just boarded the gunboat Oahu with the first group of

foreigners to leave the capital since the attack began. The last thing we saw as we left the city was a band of 300 Chinese being methodically executed before the wall near the water front, where already corpses were piled knee

It was a characteristic picture of the mad Nanking scene of the past

The story of Nanking's fall is a story of indescribable panic and confusion among the entrapped Chinese defenders, followed by a reign of terror gram by liberalizing the Federal Hous-Secretary Hull announced today that by the conquering army which cost thousands of lives, many of them innocent

While the behavior of the Chinese before the city's abandonment was deplorable in many ways, it was mild compared to the excesses of the invading few major changes.

All foreigners in Nanking are safe.

Japanese brutality at Nanking is costing them a golden opportunity to House following the wage-hour measwin the sympathy of the Chinese population, whose friendship they claim to ure, and predicted passage before the be seeking

After the complete collapse of Chinese morale and the blind panic which followed, Nanking experienced a distant sense of release when the Japanese entered, feeling that the behavior of the Japanese could not possibly be worse homes, revives F. H. A. insurance for

than that of their own defeated army. They were quickly disillusioned. Although the Japanese could have completed the occupation of the remainder of the city almost without firing a shot, by offering mercy to the the formation of national mortgage trapped Chinese soldiers, most of whom had discarded their arms and would surrender, they chose the course of systematic extermination.

It was like killing sheep. How many troops were trapped and killed it is provide capital for building constructhe information received by the State difficult to estimate, but it may be anywhere between 5,000 and 20,060.

Streets throughout the city were littered with the bodies of civilians and abandoned Chinese equipment and uniforms. Many troops who were unable to obtain boats across the river leaped into the river to an almost certain death. Japanese looting made Chinese looting, which had preceded it, look like to insure mortgages at 90 per cent American Government representatives a Sunday school picnic. They invaded foreign properties, among them the in the Far East confirmed press re- residence of the American Ambassador, Nelson T. Johnson.

In the American-operated University Hospital they relieved the nurses of existing law, thereby reducing the yesterday by newspaper correspondents watches and money. They stole at least two American-owned cars, ripping home-buyer's down payment to 10 per off the flags. They even invaded the camp of refugees, stripping many poor of the few dollars they owned.

This account is based on the observations of myself and other foreigners remaining in Nanking throughout the siege.

Rear Admr. Mitsunami Is Seek Civilian Garb to Avoid measure, with indications the House Withdrawn as Result of Panay Case.

By the Associated Press.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16.-Rear Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, chief of Japanese naval aerial operations, was relieved of his post today as a result of the bombing of the United States gunboat Panay.

Domei (Japanese news agency) which carried the announcement of his removal, declared the Japanese government was acting swiftly to carry out its pledge to America to punish

officers responsible for the attack. It was explained that Mitsunami was recalled because most bombard-

ments in China had been carried out by naval planes. The rear admiral was ordered to go to Tokio, but Japanese authorities

here did not know what other action he faced

Planes Attack Interior.

During the day Japanese Army planes carried the warfare into the interior with a series of attacks. Three vancing northward from a point beheretofore quiet countryside.

One column advancing along the ancient Grand Canal threatened a carried on the looting. number of rich, populous towns. Foreign military and naval observers in Shanghai said they believed the Panay bombing and other attacks may

had disregarded efforts of commanders to control their actions. A miniature fleet of American and British naval vessels bearing the three

dead and most of the survivors of the Panay incident was expected to reach Shanghai some time tomorrow. The boats spent last night at anchor on the mine-strewn lower Yangtze and were to anchor again tonight.

Plan Triumphal Entry. Japanese forces, meanwhile, planned formal triumphal entry into fallen Nanking for tomorrow afternoon, while

other Japanese columns continued their push into the interior. Vice Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa was to lead naval forces in a parade from the Yangtze river front and Gen. Iwane Matsui was scheduled to enter

the city at the head of an army parade through Chungshan gate. Two hundred Japanese planes were to roar over the fallen capital in celebration of the "epochal achievement

of Japanese armed forces." Japanese officials announced that the American Embassy Building and other embassy and legation head ters at Nanking were not damaged in the siege of the city. All Americans and foreigners who remained there

were reported safe. Cameraman Reports Conditions. First American report on conditions at Nanking was received from Ar-

thur Menken, Paramount newsreel cameraman who went through the

Mr. Menken wirelessed from the American gunboat Oahu that "Nanking is a shambles."

"Except for the efforts of three American missionaries." he said, "the wounded were not cared for." He referred to Miss Ivy Hynds, Los Angeles; Dr. C. T. Trimmer, Long Val- Husband shoots estranged wife and City News in Brief. ley, N. J., and Dr. Robert O. Wilson,

few moments charred the wood near Mr. Menken said Japanese troops by making a breach in the southern dent, said there was no indication of made it a virtual staircase of shell Three suspects arrested in purse-seabotage. Page B-1 Winning Contract.

will be the first to pass it. It ap-Death in Fall of peared doubtful today whether both houses would be able to complete the Nanking. housing measure before the Christmas (The following description of the The F. H. A. repair and modernizasiege and capture of Nanking by the tion program expired last April. The Japanese was wirelessed to the As-House bill would revive it until July sociated Press from the United 1, 1939, and make available the re-States Gunboat Oahu by Arthur mainder of the \$100,000,000 limitation

camera man.)

Menken, Paramount newsreel

By ARTHUR MENKEN. NANKING, By Radio From Gunproud capital of ancient China was strewn today with the blood-splotched corpses of its soldier defenders and civilians killed in the bombing, shelling and fierce fighting to which the

city was subjected. Scattered through the city were hundreds of uniforms discarded by fleeing Chinese soldiers who had tried to escape death at the hands of the Japanese by substituting civilian garb. During the Chinese retreat from Nanking, after their defense had been smashed by the terrific Japanese onslaughts, I saw some disorganized looting by fleeing Chinese soldiers, and when they had gone some Japanese

Safety Zone Respected. The Japanese refrained from shelling and bombing the safety zone which was set aside under sponsorship of American and German residents of Nanking. More than 100,000 Chinese sought refuge in the zone.

(See BATTLE, Page A-4.)

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Labor Department.

WASHINGTON AND NEARBY.

Tokio.

U. S. protest.

Nanking battle.

Serious discipline problem

British ship note awaits reply from

Survivor relates story of Panay bomb-

Postal Telegraph tie-up ended after

little hope seen for special session

Congress support grows for spending

Lewis will address steel workers' con-

Alley Dwelling Authority awaits con-

Despite the fact that Chinese troops were slow in withdrawing from the

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and read by many more.

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> Kearns sees Adamick as next "million" gate fighter. Pitcher Gomez is voted comeback king solely to "curiosity" as to their real of 1937 sports.

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Page B-1 in war on traffic deaths. Page B-1 Trotzkyites are hastening to pull out Rail bonds improve (table). Page A-21

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Page A-21 Stocks move up (table). Curb shares higher (table). Page A-23 Exchange moves to boost fees.

Page A-1 Department store bowlers enter entire Page D-3 obtained fraudulently, this Governloop in Star event.

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ment assumes the pair are not Amer-Page A-10 action here in connection with arrest Page A-19 in Russia of the young couple. Page A-10 Page A-11 emphasized by a high source, unless Page A-11 and until the "Robinsons" are able to Page A-11 prove they are American citizens. Page A-11

C-7 mer county clerk. Marinelli, a Tammany district lead-D-6 er, resigned recently after Prosecutor-D-6 elect Thomas E. Dewey filed charges band music, the skits of Monte Blue,

1773—DECEMBER 16—1937. Fire Alarm Charge Dropped POSTAL'S TIE-UP On Man's Story of Dying Aunt

Health Officials Deny Ambulance Driver Refused to Take Woman to Hospital, as Stated. Assistant Corporation Counsel Mil- | the firemen at the box and told him

ton Korman today refused to issue papers against John Jordan, 27, col- to his home, found the woman either ored bus boy, on a charge of turning in a false fire alarm after Jordon declared he called firemen in an effort to save his dying aunt when he could not get after the Public Health ambulance ara Public Health Service ambulance to rived. Jordon asserted an ambulance remove her to a hospital.

Jordon ran from his home at 906 Twenty-seventh street N.W. yesterday afternoon and turned in the alarm when he became convinced his aunt, Florence Wright, was dying. He met

what he had done. The firemen went dead or dying, and summoned an ambulance. The woman was

driver refused to take his aunt to the hospital yesterday morning on the ground she was not ill enough for hospitalization, but this was denied by Dr. Daniel L. Seckinger, assistant (See AMBULANCE, Page A-15.)

North Capitol Savings and

Departmental to Give

Dividends Soon.

The receiver of both banks, John F.

closed Park Savings Bank on Four-

teenth street N.W., was authorized by

In the North Capitol Savings Bank

there will be a third dividend amount-

ceivership already has paid dividends

now aggregate 31.25 per cent. De-

Receiver Moran will pay to de-

(See BANKS, Page A-3.)

Currency J. F. T. O'Connor.

stated at this time."

'KUBINSUN' CUUPLE 2 CLUSED BANKS BELIEVED JAILED

Izvestia Statement Interpreted to Mean Soviet Police Have Seized Pair.

By the Associated Press. MOSCOW, Dec. 16.-Izvestia, organ

of the Soviet government, said today dividends to depositors of two closed that Soviet authorities "have taken measures to seek out an darrest" the missing couple known as "Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Robinson. This was interpreted in foreign circles to mean that the couple, who

professed to be Americans, have been

under arrest since their strange and unexplained disappearance last week, although the newspaper refrained from any such statement. After publishing the announcement by the American State Department Moran, whose offices are in the old

that the "Robinsons" entered Russia under passports obtained fraudulently, "According to information received the controller to proceed with payby the editor, the Soviet authorities ment.

have taken measures to seek out and arrest the persons mentioned in the telegram (from the State Depart-The most puzzling question seemed to be the real identity of the couple

and whether they actually were American citizens. (Federal agents in New York investigating for the United States State Department the issuance of falsifled American passports to the "Robinsons" pursued a theory the couple were espionage agents allied with an American Communist group opposed

amount to \$38,600 to 4,029 claimants to the present regime in Russia.) who have proved claims aggregating Referring to the New York in \$772,000. As this receivership has paid vestigation, Izvestia said: dividends of 30 per cent already, the "The declaration of the State Department leaves little doubt we are dealing with some kind of suspicious

Christmas dividend will bring total up to 35 per cent. Controller O'Connor explained that persons who attempted to pose as Receiver Moran will announce later "Attention is drawn to the fact that

American Trotzkyites are connected be made available. somehow with the affair, and now the "In the meantime," said Mr. O'Connor in his statement, "it is requested that depositors of the banks involved Moran by phone or otherwise concern-

U. S. IS ONLY "CURIOUS."

Page A-21 Government Now Only Wants to Know Identity.

The reported arrest in Moscow of Page A-23 the mysterious "Mr. and Mrs. Donald Louis Robinson" evoked a statement the United States Government's in-Page D-1 terest in the couple now is confined Page D-2 identity and nationality. Since their American passports were

> ican citizens. There is no occasion therefore, it was said, for any official This attitude will prevail, it was

Sworn to in Marrinelli's Office. NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (A).-Inquiry disclosed today that affidavits upon which the couple obtained American passports to Russia were sworn to in C-5 the office of Albert J. Marinelli, for-

ENDED BY ACCORD Contract Concessions Won by Workers in Strike

Members of the American Radio Telegraphers' Association ended a three-hour tie-up of the entire Postal Telegraph & Cable Co. system at 1:20 p.m. today. Officers of the union, an affiliate of the C. I. O., announced here that company representatives in New York had promised certain concessions in connection with contract negotiatiations which have been under way Called simultaneously at 10:20 a.m.

Lasting 3 Hours.

today in six key cities of the Postal system, including Washington, the vork stoppage resulted in complete paralysis of one of the Nation's major communications agencies. As the effectiveness of the movement became evident through the company's inability to move traffic through the key ffices, employes of at least four others were reported to have joined in the

In addition to Washington, the offices affected initially were those in Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Detroit and Buffalo. Before the three hours were up union officers here received word that employes in Boston, Pittsburgh, Milwaukee and St. Louis had followed suit.

Payment, probably before Christmas, of about \$96,000 in additional Although no disorders occurred here, the Associated Press reported banks-North Capitol Savings Bank the arrest of two union organizers in New York on complaints of "maand the Departmental Bank-was aulicious mischief." A New York spokesthorized today by Controller of the man of the company announced shortly afterward that the arrests In making formal announcement had been made without their knowlthe controller said "actual distribution edge and against their wishes. He to creditors of dividend funds involved said steps would be taken to have will be made as soon as possible, although due to the time required for the charges withdrawn and the men preparation of dividend checks the released. exact date of distribution cannot be

Prior to termination of the demon stration here, it was announced that the company had given verbal assurance in New York that a closedshop provision would be included in whatever final agreement is reached

Displaying Strength. The entire tie-up, it was announced by Mervyn Rathborne, international president of the union, was for the purpose of displaying the strength of ing to 6.25 per cent to creditors. This dividend will effect a distribution of the association and its determination \$57,700 to 5,857 claimants. As this re- to force the company to grant wage increases and the closed shop for its of 25 per cent, the total payments will employes.

Union officers here announced that further demonstrations would be positors of this bank have filed claim staged if company officials show furagainst the institution for a total of ther unwillingness to include the closed shop and wage provisions in any agreement made.

positors of the Departmental Bank a The Washington demonstration besixth dividend of 5 per cent. This will gan in the headquarters office at 1420 New York avenue N. W. with about 45 men and women operators and other employes stopping work shortly before 10:20 a.m. At the same time the union officials issued a strike call to branch offices throughout the city, and messenger boys and other emby publication or by postal card the ployes began pouring into the headexact date when dividend checks will quarters office shortly after 11 o'clock. All activities in connection with the

Giving verbal orders to all strikers that no property was to be damaged. do not communicate with Receiver the union officials organized the demonstration into an orderly procedure, (See POSTAL, Page A-15.)

'You Are Santa Claus' Is Theme Louis Robinson" evoked a statement in a high official quarter today that Of Toy Campaign Radio Show

Music to Lure St. Nick Into Every Home in Washington this Christmas To Be Heard Tonight.

Music to guide Santa Claus into accordion playing of the Donatella every home in Washington this Christmas will float along the sound waves tonight from the biggest radio the orchestra, and Audrey Sibour, the show on the air-the Warner Bros.' musical invitation to the Capital to attend a toy matinee Saturday

From the moment at 10:30 p.m. when the inspiring strains of the "Ave Maria," played by the Earle Theater Band, open the program until its close half an hour later, you can hear, by tuning in Station WMAL, joyful Page D-19 elect Thomas E. Dewey nied charges band music, the skits of Monte Blue, with Gov. Herbert Lehman that the county clerk was a "political sily" of the girl who took Jean Harlow's place in "Saratoga," and the singing and Gee TOY CAMPAIGN, Page A-6.)

Barkley to limit administrative costs.

In the absence of Director Freddy Clark, who is ill, Alex Podnis will lead golden-voiced mistress of ceremonies at the Earle, will introduce the stars over the air. The appearance of the Earle Theater Orchestra is through the courtesy of the Musicians' Protective Union, Washington Local 161, A. C. Hayden, president. This gigantic entertainment just one end in view-to remind you:

You are Santa Claus. Thousands of families will have no

HOPE FOR PASSAGE OF CROP MEASURE OR-PAY BILL FADES

Bankhead Sees Little Hope of White House Getting Either This Session.

ROOSEVELT AIDES PUSH FIGHT FOR LEGISLATION

Attempt in House to Drop Administration Wage-Hour Plan Starts Clash.

BACKGROUND-

Farm-aid and wage-hour legislation were two of four objectives listed in call for special session of Congress. Deep differences of opinion as to provisions of first named have impeded progress while bitter opposition, led by Southern members in House, has had similar effect on wage-hour

This week administration leadership announced plan for night sessions in hopes of enacting legislation before December 22, date set tentatively for adjournment.

BULLETIN. William Green, adding to the

general congressional confusion.

asked the House today to send the wage and hour bill back to committee. The A. F. of L. president sent telegrams to all House members saying the pending bill was "highly objectionable" to the membership of his organization. By the Associated Press. Administration leaders in Congress tried hard today to complete the writ-

but Speaker Bankhead said there was little chance either would reach the White House before the special session The speaker said he was informed the Senate hoped to pass its crop con-

ing of farm and wages and hours bills

trol bill within a few days. The House is struggling over a wages and hours Passage of the farm bill by the Senate and of the labor bill by the House, nowever, must be followed by conferences between committees of the two

Houses to compose differences in their

House in Warm Debate. A new attempt to discard the administration-backed wage-hour bill in favor of an entirely different measure plunged the House into heated debate immediately after it convened at noon,

emphasizing Bankhead's pessimism. Representative Lamneck, Democrat, of Ohio offered the substitute. It would empower the Federal Trade Commission to declare employment of workers under "substandard" labor conditions an unfair method of competition.

place administration of wages and hours standards in the hands of a special five-man board. Another proposal, on which the House has yet to vote, would place control in the Labor The Senate, meanwhile, debated a

The administration's measure would

substitute by Senator Lee, Democrat, of Oklahoma for the cotton-control provisions of its pending farm bill. Neither bill can be sent to the White House before the special session ends December 22 unless there is almost

unprecedented speed in conference

negotiations between Senate and

House, but the floor managers still were trying. Say "Worst Is Over." House leaders, successful in warding off the first of several suggested sub-

"the worst is over." The vote which encouraged them was a 162-to-131 rejection of the American Federation of Labor's proposal. That measure, offered by Representative Griswold, Democrat, of Indiana, would have written into the law a

maximum work week of 40 hours and

minimum wages of 40 cents an hour

stitutes for the wage-hour bill, said

for all industries in interstate com-The committee bill would leave setting of the standards to an administrator in the Labor Department acting on the recommendations of investigating committees for each industry. Besides the other proposed substitutes, there was a movementacknowledged to be strong-to send the bill back to the Labor Committee

Rayburn and Democratic Whip Boland forecast that attempt would fail. Amended for Exemptions.

for revision. Both Democratic Leader

Friends of the bill expresed greater concern over strength demonstrated for exemptions from the wage-hour standards. They noted that before the A. F. of L. substitute had been defeated it had been amended to provide for broad exemptions.

By big margins, the House voted to exclude processors of all agricultural commodities from the bill's provisions. The votes were taken during a fumultuous session vesterday that lasted past the dinner hour. It started with intricate parliamentary maneuvers which friends of the measure characterized as filibustering and ended with opposition criticism of the administration's procedure.

Charges Debate Cut Off.

Representative Martin of Massachusetts, assistant Republican leader, said the procedure in the House was "typical of the House leadership in recent years." He charged debate on the A. F. of L. substitute had been cut off. The Senate spent most of a night session—the first this fall—arguing

over division of the farm bill's cotton allotments within States. It finally rejected, 47-19, a proposal to consider tilled lands and human population in allocating quotas, and left in effect the present basis of allocation on past

Delayed Two Hours.